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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General A. J. Goodpaster

At the meeting on the morning of 3 April 1959 concerning proposed CHALICE activities, several questions were asked concerning the urgency of these requirements. I believe all concerned felt that the answers offered were not entirely satisfactory. It was my impression that the more important questions on this aspect of the matter were the following:

1. Can the sighting of one or at most two ICBM sites yield any information, positive or negative, as to the current extent of ICBM deployment? Would the failure to find sites at the expected locations prove anything?
2. Do we have any good reason for believing that the specific locations and the railroad lines which it is proposed to investigate are in fact the sites of ICBM bases?
3. If we were lucky enough to see one or even two individual operational bases, would we learn anything of real significance?

In an effort to provide as clear answers as possible to these questions, I have produced the attached notes. If you feel that they do in fact supply answers which were missing at the 3 April meeting, you might care to pass them along.

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